

## ONSLAUGHTS ARE MADE ON GERMAN CHANCELLOR

Opposition to von Bethmann-Hallweg Attacks Him for His Attitude Towards Belgian Neutrality, His Efforts for Peace and His Submarine Position.

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Berlin, Oct. 3, via London, Oct. 4.—The campaign against Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is daily assuming a more tangible form. One of the latest developments is a circular demanding the retirement of the chancellor which has been sent by a vociferous group of his opponents to a number of reichstag members.  
The indictment covers everything in the chancellor's conduct of foreign affairs before and after the war, his attempt to reach an agreement with England, his first attitude towards Belgian neutrality and naturally his attitude on the submarine question.  
The only name among the signers of international reputation was Ernst Hasse and the circular is regarded as symptomatic, rather than serious.  
Although the chancellor and the leading members of the cabinet are confident of meeting the opposition successfully.

## WILL DEDICATE MILLER'S CHURCH

The dedication of Miller's church, three miles east of Hickory, will be celebrated Sunday with fitting exercises and the congregation and friends of the church are expected to bring their dinners and make a day of it. The first service will be held at 11 a. m. and the second at 2 p. m. There will be no service at St. Paul's Sunday morning.  
Rev. L. M. Hunt of Baltimore, well known Lutheran pastor and president of the district synod, will deliver the dedicatory sermon for the occasion at 11 o'clock. An intermission of two hours will give the members and friends ample time to enjoy dinner, and at 2 p. m. Rev. Walter E. Schuette of Columbia, S. C., editor of the Lutheran Survey, will deliver a sermon or address.  
There are among the ablest leaders in the church and they will be heard by large congregations. Rev. J. E. Barb, pastor of this church for the past 18 years, will be in charge of the exercises.

## BIG INCREASE IN PARALYSIS CASES

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New York, Oct. 4.—Although the epidemic of infantile paralysis is officially at an end as far as public health service is concerned and although the quarantine has been lifted, a big increase was reported today in the number of new cases. For the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m., the new cases numbered 23, as compared with 12 yesterday. The deaths were seven, against eight yesterday.

## MESDAMES BOWMAN AND PRICE ENTERTAIN GUILD

The Ladies Guild of Holy Trinity Lutheran church was charmingly entertained by Mrs. D. P. Bowman and Mrs. K. A. Price Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Bowman's beautiful new bungalow on Fifteenth avenue, which was much enhanced by the use of a profusion of beautiful ferns and cut flowers. The fore part of the afternoon was spent in missionary and business discussions, after which the hostesses, Mesdames Bowman and Price, assisted by Mrs. E. L. Flowers and Miss Willie Deal served delicious refreshments in two courses. The visiting guests were Miss Willie Deal of Danville, Miss Anna Stine of Lenoir and Mrs. Geo. Dietz. Quite a number, fifty or more, enjoyed the hospitality of the hostesses.

## REMEMBER THESE.

Dollar Day, Thursday, October 12.

Catawba County Fair, October 23-27.

Remember the Dates.

## FINE PROGRAMS MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union re-assembled at 7:30 Tuesday for the evening session. After delightful music by the choir, the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Harte.  
The delegation from Gastonia gave a demonstration of the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptists. This was entirely original and was planned and led by Mrs. H. B. Moore. The first part was composed of questions and answers about the location and officers of the board, being followed by an explanation of the work of each department.  
Mrs. W. H. Poole told of the evangelistic work of the board with Dr. Bruner at the head. The importance of enlistment and what it has done for destitute fields was shown by Mrs. D. A. Cline.  
The Home Mission Board works very successfully in Cuba and Panama. Dressed as a Cuban, Miss Bessie Beam gave a very interesting account of what is being done by the missionaries among these people.  
Mrs. Fred Rawlings represented the immigrants. Her plea was very touching and made us as Christians Americans feel that we have not done our duty towards these foreigners who come to our country.  
Home missions has changed the lives and homes of many Indians and Miss Regina Coone told how grateful they are for the help the home board has given them.  
Mars Hill school was represented by Miss Marie Smith. This school is truly a shining light set on a hill and has sent out young people, men and women that have made good not only in this state but all over the country.  
Mrs. Craig Moore, "the nigger," showed how the white board works with the nigger board, and accomplishes much good among the negroes of the south.  
The importance of the board was emphasized by Mrs. W. J. Clifford, who told us that last year 28,860 Baptists were credited directly to home missions. This board is one of the most successful agencies of the Southern Baptists in bringing lost men and women to Christ.  
The program was concluded by an interesting address on foreign missions by Mrs. C. E. Mason of Charlotte, using an alliteration of fields, forces and fruits.  
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## NEW YORK MILK BOSTON RED SOX WAR ABOUT SETTLED HARD TEAM TO BEAT

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New York, Oct. 4.—Prospects of settling the price controversy between the dairymen and distributors seemed brighter today.  
John J. Dillon, the state commissioner of foods and markets, offered to waive a recognition of the Dairy men's League and permit the distributors to make individual contracts with the farmers. Mr. Dillon insisted, however, that the distributors pay the price demanded by the farmers.

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New York, Oct. 4.—The American League representatives in the coming world's series will be a veteran combination in every sense of the word both in pennant and series championship play. In age and experience the Boston Americans are veterans who have been tried and proved winners in many hard fought league and world's series. Taking the players on the club roster and without regard to those who will or will not figure in the battles with the National League standard bearers, it will be found that the average age is twenty-seven and a half years and their average years in professional baseball a trifle over seven. So far as their physical statistics are concerned it is shown that they average 174 pounds per man and in height 5ft 10 2-3 inches.  
(Strange as it may appear but one player hails from Boston, the remainder of the team coming from all parts of the country to form this championship combination which won the American League pennant after one of the hardest fights in the history of the junior league. The one player who can really call Boston his home is Janvin, a utility infielder, who may fill second base position because of Captain Jack Barry's injured hand. The other men eligible to participate in the title play as members of the Red Sox, and to share in the consequent reward, come from places widely separated, many of them in obscure corners of the land lifted to public notice by the appearance of their citizens as members of a world's series contending team.  
The American League champion Red Sox of 1916 resemble closely the team which won the world's championship last year, but have lost three more of the small remaining group of players who were the Giants for the title in 1912. Speaker is gone. Ray Collins, the left-handed pitcher, has passed, and Joe Wood, "smokeball" pitcher of other days, is under suspension because of salary differences. New faces have been added, two appearing as possible successors of Speaker in the center field. Walker, formerly of the St. Louis Browns, and Shorten, who was called from Providence Internationals. Another new out-fielder is Walsh, one-time member of the champion Athletics. McNally, a utility infielder, is of potential value because of his speedy base-running, while Wycoff and Jones, pitchers, and Agnew, a catcher, are likely to play only negative parts in the series.

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## FRENCH PRESS FORWARD IN SOMME OFFENSIVE

Strong Line of German Defenses Taken in Drive Toward Peronne, While British Expel Tens of Thousands From Town—Mystery Shrouds Rumanian Invasion of Bulgaria.

## USED DYNAMITE TO SOUND TOCSIN

A sheet iron still with a capacity of 110 gallons was destroyed near the junction of Mitchell, McDowell and Burke counties Sunday night by Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and Special Employee R. B. Boger after an experience that led them over the wildest mountain country it has been their lot to explore. None of the operators were seen.  
Leaving Morganton, they drove 25 miles and then struck across the mountains afoot, walking a distance of six miles before running across the outfit. With the still were 500 gallons of beer and other apparatus, which were destroyed. The officers walked back to where their team was left, making a total distance 12 miles.  
A few days before this raid Deputy Marshal Milholland and Special Employee Boger destroyed a large outfit with four miles of the place where the last still was broken up. The blockaders had placed dynamite on the mountain top, had set a watchman to observe all approaches, and when their evenue officers appeared, the dynamite was exploded and the distillers took flight. Officers say the whole section was jarred by the explosion.

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## ROCKY MOUNT MAN DIES IN RICHMOND

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Rocky Mount, Oct. 4.—Cybil H. Hatfield, aged 23, the local police were notified today by the police department of Richmond, has been identified as the young man who was asphyxiated in a Richmond hotel last night.

## WILL FORM CABINET TO SUCCEED OKUMA

(By Associated Press.)  
Tokio, Oct. 4.—The emperor has requested Lieutenant-General Count Seiki Perupuchi, former minister of war, and also former resident general in Korea, to organize a cabinet in succession to the ministry of Count Okuma.

## HUGHES IS RESTING, WILL START AGAIN

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Oct. 4.—Chas. E. Hughes, who wound up several weeks of political activity at the reception given him last night at the Union League club of New York, will rest a few days before taking a campaign tour that will carry him as far west as Omaha, Neb.

## GRAND LODGE HOLDS FUNERAL IN RALEIGH

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, Oct. 4.—John C. Drewry was buried here today with full Masonic honors, the funeral being conducted by the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons, with which he was connected as grand secretary for 24 years. Mr. Drewry died Monday afternoon.  
Mr. W. E. McRorie has returned from Charlotte and Winston-Salem, where he has been engaged on special wiring for the Southern Public Utilities Company.

(By Associated Press.)  
The French on the Somme front are continuing their thrust northwards and have captured a strong line of German defense, Paris announced today. The British have expelled the Germans from the town of Beaucourt L'Abbaye, where their drive towards Bapaume is now within 3 1-2 miles of its objective.  
Mystery still surrounds the number and movements of the Rumanian forces which have crossed the Danube into Bulgaria in an effort to outflank the Bulgarians and compel the withdrawal of von Mackensen's forces.  
The Bulgarians report the occupation by their troops of the island of Makakalafat, opposite Vion, in the extreme northwestern part of Bulgaria and the dispersal by Bulgarian artillery of Rumanian forces on the other side of the river.  
Reports from Sofia indicate at least a lessening pressure on the allied forces in Macedonia.  
Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd report a success by the Russians in their drive toward Lemberg. The Russians have captured heights 25 miles north of Lemberg, after crossing the Zlota Lipa.

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